

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of August 28, 2007 Meeting

Warren Town Hall, 2nd Floor

7:00 pm

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Attendees: Richard J. Valente (RV), Edward J. Theberge (ET), John DaSilva (JD), Patricia Read (PR), Eileen Collins (EC), John Treat (JT), Chris Fuller (CF)

Location: Town Council Chambers - Warren Town Hall

Valente: Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM

Valente: Welcomed Candy Casala, 147 Water Street

Casala: Presented scope of project and status of work

Valente: Committee can give approval for work not yet started.

Casala: Came before Committee at Michelle Maher's suggestion

DaSilva: Believes Rules and Regulations of Committee indicate if action is not taken within 30 days of application being dropped off, automatically approved.

Valente: To Casala, when was packet dropped off?

Casala: July 12, 2007

Valente: Requested verification of date packet dropped off with Michelle Maher and requested Ms. Casala present documentation from the contractors indicating which projects began and on what date as only projects not started as of July 12, 2007 may be eligible based on Rules and Regulations.

Valente: Once information is received, will review at next meeting.

Valente: Welcomed Marsha Blount, 14 Washington Street.

Blount: Presented scope of project and work to be done.

Valente: Requested a motion to approve application in the amount of \$39,000 - \$50,000 depending on what is discovered during the project. Motion by ET, 2nd by JT, passed unanimously.

Valente: Motion to approve July minutes. Motion by JT, 2nd by ET, passed unanimously.

Valente: Financial Report update from John DaSilva

DaSilva: New payment vouchers are submitted directly to the Tax

Assessor. One voucher this month, \$100 secretary stipend. Motion to approve stipend. 2nd by PR, passed unanimously.

Valente: Status report update.

Ramos: No changes. Will make changes for next month based on tonight's meeting and move Corliss down to completed status after letter is sent.

Valente: Demolition Ordinance update

Theberge: Meeting with Michelle Maher, would like to table discussion until after that meeting.

DaSilva: Regarding Casala application, reviewed Failure to Act 4.1.8.1 Automatic Approval clause. Seems to apply.

Valente: Requested Ramos follow-up with Michelle Maher regarding date application dropped off.

Ramos: Correspondence – requested a vote be taken to send Status Report Update letter to Town Council.

Valented: Asked for a motion to send letter. Motion by ET, 2nd by JT, passed unanimously.

Valente: Other – Two items:

1.) Charter Review Commission is underway and he believes they are required to meet with every Town body. Would like to send a letter to them acknowledging the meetings with the Town body groups and wants dates/times he can meet with them. Motion by ET, 2nd by PR, passed unanimously.

2.) Article today in the Providence Journal about an applicant that had come before the Board and has an open application. Applicant has been arrested on alleged charges. Feels that some time in the future, if the applicant returns to the Board, the Board will have to seek advice from the Solicitor regarding awarding the tax credit.

Valente: Any other items?

Read: Regarding the Warren Times article, error listing Erin Ruddick on the Committee.

During the interview, she was trying to stress this is a good program that is underused.

DaSilva: Thought the article was good, his name was omitted.

Read: Thought the article was a little weak.

Valente: Requested a letter sent to Ted Hayes regarding Erin Ruddick was listed and failed to list John DaSilva.

Valente: Requested a motion to adjourn. Motion by ET, 2nd by PR and passed unanimously at 8:18 pm